



God speaks to us in many ways, including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.

*Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.*

**Reading 1** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Reading 2** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel** John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45

**Question of the Week –**

**Adults:** Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

**Children:** How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF MARCH 19 - 25</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW... T.A.G.G. (TOGETHER A GREATER GOOD) IS ANOTHER GREAT WAY TO HELP THE PARISH &amp; NOT TAKE ADDITIONAL MONEY OUT OF YOUR POCKET? If you have a smart phone, <b>please</b> consider putting the "TAGG" app on your phone! There is no cost to you! The Parish will receive 5% of your purchases from the charitable-minded businesses each month. To continue with the program, we must have a minimum of 20 "TAGG's" per month.</b>
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$15,744.60</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,926.88</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$11,817.72</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$842,806.20</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$973,402.36</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$130,596.16)</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**5:00 PM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jackson Cramer,  
Zach Cypress

**CANDLE BEARERS:** Kristen Ellett,  
Marianna Stevenson

**LECTOR:** Rob Barrett

**GOSPEL NARRATOR:** Jerry Bexten

**EMHCs:** Kim Hill, Mike Holmgren,  
Theresa O'Neill,  
Jennifer Russell, Jeanette Pinker,  
Mary Ann Taylor

**GIFTBEARERS:** Lampe Family

**MUSICIANS:** Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Diane Weber

**USHERS:** Vern Andersen, Rock Cramer,  
Jim Coe, Ron Allbright

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**7:30 AM:**

**LECTOR:** Dave Parks

**GOSPEL NARRATOR:** Hank Henkenius

**EMHCs:** Bev Demkowski,  
Dorie Mittlieder,  
Bob and Betty Jones,  
George and Marsha Moon

**GIFTBEARERS:** Kathy Rossitto

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Mary Todd

**USHERS:** Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,  
Chuck Holderness,  
Chuck Livengood

**10:30 AM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Lily Bauer,  
Sophia Minturn

**CANDLE BEARERS:** Lucius Moreno,  
Alex Negus

**LECTOR:** Larry Ziska

**GOSPEL NARRATOR:** Rita Ziska

**EMHCs:** Bev Baer, Kelli Brock  
Mary Fink, Bill Cheese,  
Tamatha Buell, Rich McShane

**GIFTBEARERS:** Ryckman Family

**MUSICIANS:** Colleen, Tom, Deanna, Deb

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Terri Herman

**USHERS:** Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,  
Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,  
Mark Lampe

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Rita Ziska, Dave Krueger

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, APRIL 6:** Bill Cheese, Dave Parks

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE! WE ASK THAT THE GIFTBEARERS ASSIGNED TO EACH MASS CHECK IN WITH THE USHERS BEFORE MASS – SO THAT THE USHERS KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE TO TAKE UP THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!**

**Mass Intentions April 3 - 9**

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Giitter Family April Birthdays
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Lucas Matthew Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Patrick Burree and Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley + Kathy Rossitto Int.
	10:30 AM	Kingsley and Tootie Smith + Fr. Mario Repose Int.

**HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2 IS INVITING YOU TO COME DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND** after Mass! We have many homemade goodies for you to donate for the Roast Beef Dinner, your Easter Celebration, or for your own personal enjoyment. Let us do the baking for you!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SHARON GIITTER AND JANE BOMER!**

Join us in wishing Sharon a very Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Help us shower Sharon with best wishes by sending a card to: 3535 Piney Creek Dr.; Apt. G37; Elkhorn, NE 68022.



Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jane Bomer! Join us in showering Jane with birthday wishes by sending a card to: 8002 NorthRidge Dr.; Omaha, NE 68112.

**HELP SEND OUR CUB SCOUTS TO CAMP!** Our Cub Scouts will be selling Camp Cards after the weekend Masses to help defray the cost of attending camp this summer. This is a coupon card filled with tons of great discounts to area merchants. The cost is only \$5 but the value is much more!



**LENTEN ACTIVITY**

As a practice of prayer, fasting & almsgiving, a Parish Pastoral Council member will lead the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent starting at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 7 & 10 a.m. on Sunday. Please plan to join us!

**HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY** You will find pocket size pamphlets by the doors of Church which contains easy to read step by step instruction on how to pray the rosary including prayers and the mysteries.

**DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO PRAY?** In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life. The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, & it is easier than you might think. Over the course of 8 weeks, the **Oremus** study program teaches you the essentials of an effective & fruitful prayer life.

**Where:** St. Philip Neri Activity Center Kids Welcome  
**When:** 3:30 pm - 5 pm March 3 – April 27  
 (1 week off—Holy Thursday).

**Materials:** Workbook (\$13 optional)

**Each session:** See a 30 minute video of Fr. Toups' talk, use workbook with reflection questions & Lectio Divina & pray together. (Daily scripture/prayer encouraged.) For more info, call: Judy Smedra 402-457-5622 or 402-670-1368 Or email: msmendra98@gmail.com

**What do I need to do to make a good confession?**

The sacrament consists of three actions on the part of the penitent:

- **Contrition**, which is sorrow for one's sins;
- **Confession**, that is examining one's conscience and telling one's sins to the priest;
- **Penance**, namely a desire to make up for one's sins and amend one's life. Together the three are called the "acts of the penitent."

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*Fr. will be available to hear confessions on Saturday, April 8 from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., on Sunday, April 9, from 7:00 – 7:25 a.m. and from 10:00 – 10:25 a.m. He will also be available after Mass to hear confessions.*

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** - Please join us during 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 9 - Children's Liturgy of the Word – We will be viewing the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the movie - Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Died"...and again on Easter Sunday, April 16 during 10:30 Mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word - We will view the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Risen".



**JOIN OUR SPN-BS KNIGHTS AND HY-VEE DRUGSTORE AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT AT FLORENCE PARK** - For kids; age 1 thru 10 on **Saturday, April 8 at 12 - noon.**



**ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH** Invites Children to Maker Fun Factory VBS: Created by GOD Built for a Purpose - WOW God! WOW God! WOW God!

A summer kids' event called Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 26 - 30**. Imagine a world where curious kids become hands on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Creativity will be sparked with interactive decoration & experiences. Maker Fun Factory, is for kids from **Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** & will run from **9AM to Noon** each day. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer in this event contact Sam Hensel at 402-455-2190 or Cell# 402-714-1582, e-mail [slhensel@archomaha.org](mailto:slhensel@archomaha.org)

SPN School Students will receive sign up forms in the Tuesday take home folders!

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**


“Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord”



**TIME TO DIG OUT THE SHORTS!** Students may begin wearing uniform shorts on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform & can

**THE SPN SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL “TOO MANY MOOSE”** is Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot make the evening performance, the dress rehearsal will be at 1:45 pm. We need help in setting up & putting away equipment, risers, chairs, etc. Please call the school office for more info. or to volunteer.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5287** is offering 5 scholarships (between \$200 - \$500 each) to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders going on to a Catholic High School next year. Applications are available at the SPN school office, Religious Ed teacher or by contacting Dave Bohnenkamp ([bohenkamp.dave@gmail.com](mailto:bohenkamp.dave@gmail.com) or 402-515-6142) Applications are due by April 14, 2017.



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE ROAST BEEF DINNER** on Palm Sunday, April 9 in the SPN Parish Center a success! Signup sheets are in the Church pews. Please review the times & duties on the signup sheet & pick a time where you will be able to help. If you can't give of your time, we will also need homemade salads & desserts to serve at the dinner. You can drop off your salads & desserts in the Parish Center on Saturday after 4 pm or on Sunday morning. Please place your signup sheet in the collection basket or the baskets by the doors of Church.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT THE PARISH ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER ON PALM SUNDAY**, April 9<sup>th</sup> from Noon - 6pm, in the Parish Center (Church basement). Featuring tender sliced roast beef with all the fixings, delicious homemade salads & desserts. Takeout is available! Adults, \$10; Kids 6-12, \$5; Under 5, Free (Seniors 65 & over, \$8) Elevator also available for handicap access.

**TIME TO SPRING CLEAN!** Do you have clean, gently used clothing, coats or household items & want to find them a good home? You are in luck! The weekend of April 22/23, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot to accept your clean, gently used donations.

**\*\* A SPECIAL REQUEST TO THE BAKERS OF THE PARISH \*\***  
Pies, Cakes, Bars are needed for the Notre Dame Pork Dinner! Desserts can be dropped off at the Activity Center on Sunday, April 23 after Mass.

**CAN YOU HELP? WE ARE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PHIL'S.** We had to move out of our house & are looking for an unfurnished ranch style rental house for approximately 6 months. If you or someone you know has a rental house that is interested in a short term lease, please call on 402-301-5258 or text.  
~ Jim & Jacque Dahlin

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER BOTH MASSES**

**CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE** – Parish Center

- 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** - School
- RCIA** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny at 10:30 a.m. Mass
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - During 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**

- 6:30 P.M. **CUB SCOUTS** – Parish Center

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 4:00 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL JIMMY JOHN'S NIGHT** – N. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Location
- 7:00 P.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 9:00 A.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

- 1:45 P.M. **DRESS REHEARSAL** – Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Musical “**Too Many Moose**” – Activity Center
- 3:30 P.M. **OREMUS – GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER** – Activity Center Meeting Room
- 6:30 P.M. **SPRING MUSICAL** – “**Too Many Moose**” Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> – Activity Center
- 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church
- 6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND POTLUCK** – Church and Parish Center

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** - Trailer in Parking Lot

12 - **FLORENCE COMMUNITY SPN-BS KNIGHTS EASTER EGG HUNT** in Florence Park

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER BOTH MASSES**

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - School

11:30 AM **ROAST BEEF DINNER** – Parish Center

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE!** Our Second Graders will be celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, April 30 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Please keep Neri Dollars in mind when making plans for your Easter events. We have Neri Dollars for Wal-Mart & Target & most grocery stores. Pick up a Scooters, Panera, or Paradise Bakery gift card for a special treat.



**PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY** Represent our Parish at the Living Rosary Today, Sunday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, 2706 Leavenworth St.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** When Diane found out she was pregnant, she told the good news to everyone. Her 4-year old son overheard some of his parents' private conversations. One day, when Diane & her 4-year old son were shopping, a woman asked the little boy if he was excited about the new baby. "Yes!" the little boy said, "& I know what we are going to name it, too. If it's a girl, we're going to call her Christina, and if it's another boy, we're going to call it quits!"

**ST. BERNARD "PEACE, LOVE, FISH" FRY – FRIDAY, APRIL 7** from 5 – 8 p.m. at St. Bernard School, 3604 N. 65<sup>th</sup> St., Benson. Purchase tickets at the door. Fried fish, tater tots, mac and cheese, cole slaw, desserts, beer, wine, pop, peace and love. For more information call: 402-551-0269 or visit [www.stbernardomaha.org](http://www.stbernardomaha.org)

**DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR VOCATIONS?** We invite anyone with a heart for vocations to attend the 2017 Vocations Summit on April 8 at St. Patrick's Church in Fremont from

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fr. Roza will coordinate this year's annual gathering. Jen Moser will be the keynote speaker. Call the Vocations office to reserve a table – 402-558-3100. ext. 3010 Lunch will be provided. RSVP to [kmweinfurtner@archomaha.org](mailto:kmweinfurtner@archomaha.org)

**WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON** will be held on Saturday, April 8 in St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center from 9:15 to 12-Noon. (8:30 a.m. Mass also available) Our speaker is Sr. Marie Micheletto, RSM. Sr. Marie invites us to pray together over God's enduring love for us & our return of this love through mercy, gratitude & hope. \$15 for presentation & a light breakfast. Please contact Jo at 402-572-0369 or [jkusek9212@yahoo.com](mailto:jkusek9212@yahoo.com) to register.

**THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION PRESENTS "A CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD" BANQUET** on Thurs., April 20<sup>th</sup> in the St. Roberts Parish Mainelli Center. Don't miss this opportunity to rejoice in the unique charism of the diocesan Priest. This year's honoree is Fr. Pat O'Kane & testimonial speeches will be given by Fr. Jeff Lorig & Fr. Damien Cook. For tickets go to IPF's website, [priestlyformation.org](http://priestlyformation.org) or call Linda at 402-280-3901 for more information.

**LACE UP YOUR SHOES & GET REGISTERED TODAY!** 2017 Claussen-Leahy Maverick Run Sat., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Baxter Arena. Registration information online at [OMavs.com](http://OMavs.com) or call 402-554-3689 or email: [unowalk@unomaha.edu](mailto:unowalk@unomaha.edu)

**SEEKING TRUTH, AN IN-DEPTH CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY** in Omaha, is currently accepting registrations for the 2017-18 year. Sharon Doran will be leading the study of *Isaiah the Prophet*. Live classes are Thursday afternoons at Christ the King Parish Center & Thursday evenings at Creighton Prep High School. Register now at [www.SeekingTruth.net](http://www.SeekingTruth.net) Classes begin in September.

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**How TAGG Works:**

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- Visit participating businesses and ask to **TAGG** your purchase.
- Choose St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament, and the business will donate 5% to SPN-BS. (facilitated by TAGG)!

You can find complete instructions regarding the TAGG programs by the Neri Dollars Sellers in back of Church.